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which labour enters becomes dearer in proportion. Forced to keep down on account of competition, the man profit to the manufacturer becomes, he is less able to extend his business, his enterprise diminishes. Such is the case of the individual applied to the country, it means that the volume of occu-

has become contracted. Adam Smith bears this out when he states that if the quantity of money cannot long remain the same in any country in which the annual produce diminishes, which he very tersely reads that if the quantity of money be diminished the quantity of produce diminishes too.

It must be admitted that so far as the quantity of money is concerned, the Government may be right. It is true that this may be that the energy and vigour which it is endowed has enabled it to come the heavy taxation, or that it has grown considerably greater in the past, but it has not been the raising of the rupee.

However, be remembered that the Government has not succeeded in raising the rupee at 1/4. For some time it has reached it, and it still remains the same value.

In spite of what may be said again

Japan's refusal to open the mints. It undoubtedly obtains temporary relief thereby, but cannot remove the cause of the population of many millions being kept in a state of poverty by the force of arms, and every little swell whatever discontented there is. This currency scheme has touched a single native adversely, and it is possible that what is gained now, lost many times over later on.

Japan's adoption of a gold basis, the result of calm deliberation. Japan, driven, as was India in 1893, to do nothing no matter what and at how great a cost to relieve herself of present difficulties, augmented ever so much in the end. The Japanese statesmen knew exact what they were doing. They thought it

doing good to their country, correctness of their ideas will be time. In this especially they advantage over their opposite number in India. They put their currency on a basis: the Indian statesmen put no basis at all; but both have retarded the introduction of him which alone can put right the due to a disjointed currency.

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SINCE the sale of opium by the a

It was not the Straits cricket that proved to have to fear the 'Paijans' of the Straits. The match at Hongkong was certain to give. There were only two 'ducks' in matches of the Straits, and those match with Shanghai, McKensie's one and Healey's one. But like the worth of his 'blob' pretty well Shanghai team. Hongkong in the match with his 186. — *Singapore Free Press*.

These are many who knew him well and who will be very sympathetic to him here who will deeply regret his death. Lieutenant Cecil Lorrain Gifford, killed in the Northwest Frontier Campaign, Lieut. Gifford joined the 1st Battalion in December 1889, and on leaving Singapore in November 1890 was promoted to the rank of Captain. He was sent to Bombay with 400 men to join the 1st Battalion now engaged in the T. Campaign. Lt. Gifford was a smart and capable young officer and his untimely death will be greatly regretted by his friends. —*Singapore Free Press*.

This reported occupation of the Hainan Islands by the Germans has been a relief for the Chinese, and the news has created no little consternation among the authorities at Peking. It is settled whether the step of the Germans has been taken, "under

order to help the Chinese against enterprising friends the Russians. It is not precipitated by the 'too much' policy of Russia in Peking and elsewhere, or by the other hand, developed by the 'too little' undertaken by Germany and Germany in the Far East during the China war, and since, have always left it a question whether her sympathies are added to or withheld from Russia; Franco-Russian alliance of a few years ago, and the attitude of the two powers pronounced. Russia's diplomacy on the other hand, in these waters is nothing in the way of definiteness, energetic young bloods at the head of affairs apparently thrown over the old before the new method that has been successful in the past, and that other civilized nations will also

their methods. Russia has not yet notified the world that she has fully occupied Corea and Manchuria with a pistol at the Emperor's disposal. The information that only engineers and a railroad from the Railway north-east from Shan-hai and that beyond the Wall mines be worked by Russian or Chinese discloses; while in Corea, Russia's regard to the control of the finances of the emperor is a good illustration of the situation. If Germany adopted the opposite policy and demonstrated to China that she kept giving undue advantages to European other countries under the threats, or she may find that there cannot only threaten, but in deed, she may find that she is not in a position that she is in a position.

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